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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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Title: DEVICE AND PROCESS FOR INTRODUCING GASES INTO A HOT MEDIUM

REPLY

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 1, 2004, please amend the claims as follows and consider the remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.